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Nanking And The Students

Nanking, Jan. 5.
The Chinese Govt. today clamped down on student demonstrations and agitation over the alleged rape case of a Chinese student by an American Marine.

Premier T. V. Soong ordered all schools and local Governments throughout the country to prevent student activities which might affect Chinese-American relations or cause damage or insult to Americans in China.

Soong pointed out that while the two Marines involved in the case should be punished if found guilty, the incident should not be elaborated to impair Sino-American friendship.

United Press.

Wait For It!

Shanghai, Jan. 5.
Major-General Samuel Howard, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Marine forces in China, at a press conference here this afternoon said:

"Political elements unfortunately tried to enlarge the alleged Peiping rape case into importance it does not merit. The public expects too speedy results from an incident of this sort, the investigation of which always takes time.

"If it is proven to be true, this incident is admittedly a grave affair and the Marine involved may get up to 25 years in gaol, but military procedure in legal justice must prevail."

Students 'Flayed'

The students of the Utopia University here in a statement issued today flayed a small number of their fellow students who organised an "anti-American atrocities committee" in the name of the University.

The statement declared that the "committee" was organised without the consent of the entire body of the students and that the actions of the "committee" did not represent the University.—Central News.

She Slips Away

Peiping, Jan. 6.
Miss Shen, the Chinese student who allegedly was raped by two United States Marines, was reported today to have slipped secretly out of Peiping and gone to Shanghai yesterday.

Stalemate Soon In Indo-China?

Paris, Jan. 6.

The 16-day-old guerilla warfare in Indo-China threatens to become indefinitely stalemated unless French reinforcements arrive soon, according to dispatches received from Hanoi.

A French Press Agency dispatch said high military authorities in Hanoi now admit they have "neither the means nor still less the desire" to continue operations indefinitely at risk of the situation degenerating into an "interminable guerilla war."

The dispatch said while French troops "have the situation well in hand" in Hanoi they are not numerically strong enough to "widen their field of action for the moment."

Military authorities were quoted, however, as saying they expect a sudden reversal of the situation in the near future with operations expected to produce "political results."

These "political results" are designed to bring forward "a new Viet Nam authority with which the French leaders can deal," according to AFP. It was not clear whether the French authorities expect the Viet Nam population to abandon President Ho Chi Minh and his present Viet Nam Government.—United Press.

New Clashes

Paris, Jan. 5.
French military communities told of new clashes at Hanoi, where a large number of Viet Nam troops are concentrated, and at Nam Dinh and other points in Northern Indo-China.

A French armoured unit, attacking Viet Namese dug in only one kilometre from the Governor's palace where Mount-

HONG KONG TO LOSE OVER 20,000 DESTITUTES

Government Approves Repatriation Scheme

Gifts For Don Juan's Baby Son

Madrid, Jan. 5.
A spokesman for Monarchist circles who still is on good terms with Generalissimo Franco said yesterday that negotiations between anti-Franco Monarchists and Republicans had failed both here and at Lisbon.

The spokesman is one of the overwhelming proportion of Spanish Monarchists who have supported the present regime since Franco's uprising on July 18, 1936. They have been eagerly awaiting the Monarchist restoration ever since and still hope that Franco will bring it eventually. But they are unwilling to risk a civil war on their own positions to establish a Monarchy before Franco is ready. In private conversations they bitterly criticise Franco's policies.

The Duke of Alba, Franco's former Ambassador to London and head of Spain's nobility, is planning to go to Lisbon by plane on Monday where he will see Don Juan. The spokesman said he is carrying a gold watch and a Spanish saddle as birthday gifts from the Spanish Monarchists to the Pretender's eldest son, who will be nine years old today.—Associated Press.

by air to avoid further publicity.

According to the "Hsin Min Pao" she may not return here for the forthcoming court martial of the Marines involved in the incident, but has left a letter containing her testimony to be read at the trial in her absence.—United Press.

Accommodation At Aberdeen

Hong Kong's big population of destitutes and unemployed will soon be depleted by 20,000-odd, when the repatriation scheme sponsored by Government gets under way as from Jan. 10.

This announcement was made by Mr. Yung Shai-kwong, Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospitals, presiding over a meeting of the Committee in charge of Repatriation held on Saturday afternoon.

The Committee was formed some two months ago, following a public meeting called by the three Chinese members of Council, who said it was Government's desire that those who were without work or means of supporting themselves should return to the country. This was imperative in order to reduce the large number of squatters who were living in insanitary conditions and were a menace to public health.

The Committee, after several meetings, formulated a scheme which it submitted to Government for approval. It envisaged an expenditure of \$750,000 to carry the scheme through, and the money was to come from Government.

'Green Light'

Mr. Yung informed the meeting that Government, through the Chinese members of Council, had given the "green light" for the scheme to proceed and it was decided to start registering applicants for repatriation from Jan. 10 at the Tung Wah Hospital.

The amount of money to be paid to each repatriate will vary according to the distance from his native village as well as transportation facilities. A special committee will be set up, with a representative from each district association, to examine each case.

Accommodation for repatriates pending repatriation will be provided by the Tung Wah Hospital, and it is proposed to use the Refugee Camp at Aberdeen.

No damage was reported. The spokesman said the epicentre was in the southwestern area of the Ibaragi Prefecture 30 miles north from Tokyo.

He added that the quake "probably" was another of the after-tremors still continuing from the December 21 major quake in the Wakayama and Shikoku areas which took a toll of 1100 lives.—United Press.

Nazi Hangs Himself

Nuernberg, Jan. 5.

Dr. Carl Westphal, one of a group of 16 leading members of the Nazi legal hierarchy indicted for trial early next month, hanged himself in Nuernberg gaol this morning.

He was found by a guard at 4.35 a.m., hanging dead from an iron bar in his cell window by a strip torn from his scarf.

Westphal was formerly the Ministerial Councillor in the Criminal Legislative Division of Hitler's Ministry of Justice.

He and 15 others were formally indicted yesterday — the third Nazi group arraigned since the close of the trial of major war criminals.—Reuter.

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New Icy Wave Hits Europe

London, Jan. 4.
A new icy wave of cold air from the high pressure system over Russia swept Europe today, forcing down the thermometer to 27 degrees of frost in Bavaria and to well below freezing point in other countries.

A Reuter report from Berlin stated that the temperature there had already fallen to 25 degrees Fahrenheit—seven degrees of frost—and that transport holdups were threatened.

From Holland four degrees of frost was reported in all parts of the country.

Across the Atlantic, New York's LaGuardia airfield and several Canadian airports were closed by snow and bad visibility and 19 airliners were awaiting clearance. Seven hundred stranded passengers were today still waiting at Gander airport in Newfoundland for the weather to clear over North America.—Reuter.

REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC POLICY ANNOUNCED

Washington, Jan. 5.
A sweeping legislative programme affecting almost every phase of the national economy was outlined by Senator Robert A. Taft, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, in a nationwide broadcast tonight.

Taft said the Republicans must clear away the rubble of war and of the New Deal and start the nation on the road to prosperity. He advocated continuation of the present bi-partisan foreign policy, proposed a poll tax, urged a legislative limit on Presidential tenure of office and asked for drastic revisions in present statutes governing housing, labour, taxes, public health, military affairs and education.

He praised President Truman for his actions since the election, referring specifically to the President's termination of war hostilities, the abolition of almost all price controls and the scrapping of the main features of the national housing programme. The President's attitude, Taft declared, lessened chances of a clash between the White House and Congress.

War Powers

Taft said the Republican programme will be divided into two parts—issues requiring immediate attention and long-range legislation. Among the former he advocated abolition of all remaining emergency war powers of the President. Here's what Taft said about other legislation:

Labour—He plans to bring to the Senate floor before March 1 a bill—"just to all"—incorporating the main features of the Case Anti-Strike Bill which was vetoed by Truman last year.

Executive powers—An immediate study should be made of various pre-war and New Deal laws in order to eliminate many powers of administrative boards.

Income Tax

Taxes—It is essential that total personal income taxes be reduced by 20 per cent, and this can be done if the budget does not exceed \$34,000,000,000. The budget could be cut far below this figure, he asserted.

Labour wages—The minimum wage law must be revised, and something done to eliminate windfall claims resulting from the Supreme Court's opinions on portal-to-portal pay.

Health, education, housing—Taft said he favoured Federal aid to guarantee minimum standards of health, education and

B.O.R.s. TO BE KIDNAPPED?

London, Jan. 5.
Secret information has been received by the British Army and police authorities that Jewish terrorists intend to start—probably this weekend—the large-scale kidnapping of Servicemen who would be held as hostages for captured terrorists, according to the Jerusalem correspondent of the "News of the World."

The correspondent gives this news as an explanation for the stringent security orders to protect British troops which were announced in Jerusalem today.—Reuter.

Violence To Receive Violence

London, Jan. 5.

The Sunday newspaper, "The People," said today that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery and Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham have drawn up a full scale plan to "meet violence with violence" in the Holy Land in the near future.

The newspaper's diplomatic correspondent said the plan is supported by several Cabinet members and that Cunningham will put the plan before Prime Minister Attlee and Foreign Minister Bevin.

The newspaper said: "Only fear of political repercussions—particularly in America—have caused the British Government to hold their hand for so long. Now, on the advice of Montgomery and Cunningham, they are ready to meet violence with violence."—United Press.

New U.S. Political Organisation

Washington, Jan. 5.

A new political organisation, membership of which is barred to Communists, announced its formation on Saturday night under the name of "Americans for Democratic Action."

The group, whose organising committee includes Franklin D. Roosevelt, son of the late President, endorsed an expansion of the "New Deal programme." Other committee members include Leon Henderson, former Office of Price Administration administrator, and Elmer Davis, former director of the Office of War Information.—Associated Press.

Senate Compromise On Bilbo

Washington, Jan. 4.

Democratic Senator Clyde Hoey, of North Carolina, declared tonight that agreement had been reached between Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi—charged with the intimidation of Negro voters and accepting bribes—and Senate leaders, on a compromise which would grant Bilbo a Senatorial salary but deny him his seat temporarily.

Senator Hoey said the Republican and Democratic Senators had agreed and Senator Bilbo had acquiesced in the procedure which would permit 35 other Senators to take the oath, while Senator Bilbo's case remained in abeyance.

The agreement, Senator Hoey added, would permit Senator Bilbo to appear in the Senate in his own defence when the charges were heard against him that he had profited by dealing with war contractors and had prevented Negroes from voting in Mississippi.

The Senate voted unanimously to continue to bar Senator Bilbo from taking his seat, following a dramatic appeal by Democrat Senator Aiken of South Carolina, who told a hushed chamber that Senator Bilbo was "an ill man" and that cancer of the mouth from which he is suffering is imperilling his life.

Ending the "deadlock" which threatened to keep the Senate in continuous day and night session, Senator Barkley said Senator Bilbo was leaving immediately for New Orleans for an operation on his mouth.

"The preservation of a man's life is more important to him than anything else," Senator Barkley said. "They said failure of the

Lovers Walk Home From Italy

Norwich, Jan. 4.

A story of a lovers' journey across Europe—from Italy to England—was told in a magistrate's court there today when dark, petite Ilde Nuccia Tenca from Milan was charged with illegal entry into Britain, and a British soldier, Stanley Edwards, with aiding her.

The magistrates decided to allow the Italian girl to live with Edwards' parents at Norwich for two months pending the decision of the immigration authorities, while Edwards was bound over to await military escort.

The story was revealed in an alleged statement by Edwards, read in court by a detective, and told how Edwards when within three months of being demobilised was left behind by a British conveyance at Verona. He had received bad news about his wife in England while his parents were ill with worry because they had just heard that his only brother had died as a prisoner-of-war in Japanese hands.

The statement declared that Edwards made his way to Milan where he met Tenca. Later, Tenca sold her house for 250,000 lire and they moved to Carliano, near Lake Como. Here they lived until last October.

The statement added that Tenca then sold her shop for sufficient money to enable them to reach England. Returning to Milan they continued by train to Quarto, a village to the northwest of Italy, and then crossed into France on foot over Little Saint Bernard Pass. "We took 17 hours to cross and often were waist deep in snow," the statement said.

Found In Hut

The couple walked most of the way to Paris, using railway tunnels to avoid gendarmes. Continuing to Boulogne, they paid an old fisherman to bring them within three miles of the English coast and made the rest of the way to Folkestone in a rowing boat they brought from him for 6s. Proceeding to Norwich, they were found by the police in a hut outside the city on New Year's Eve.

"I knew I was wrong but Tenca has been so good to me when I was ill in Italy and sacrificed so much for my sake that I intend to marry her as soon as possible."—Reuter.

Havoc In Hawaii

Honolulu, Jan. 5.

Heavy seas lashed the Hawaiian Islands, damaging communications and power facilities and driving beach residents from their homes.

The waves were attributed to a storm 400 miles west and 900 miles north of Hawaii.

Weather forecasts said the vortex of the storm was moving directly toward Hawaii at 6 to 9 miles an hour.

The waves pounded Maui and Lanai and isolated some areas on the Oahu coastline but the principal reports of damage came from Hawaii, where waves crashed inland as much as 1,000 yards at Hilo.

Observers said waves as high as 40 feet washed over the Hilo breakwater.

The police and military there are attempting to evacuate 200 patients from a hospital isolated since midnight.—Associated Press.

Coal Shortage Shuts Down Factories

Wetzlar, Jan. 5.

Scores of factories were closed today as the acute coal shortage practically paralyzed industries in the British and American zones.

The closures set the Military Government's \$100,000,000 export programme for 1947 off to a bad start and military authorities said the situation is "very serious."

Estimates indicated the shutdown would range from 60 per cent to 100 per cent in key industrial cities.

Civil authorities in Berlin said the lack of transport from mines to factories caused much of the tie-up. Cargals and inland waterways have been icebound for more than three weeks.

The Military Government industry branch in Bavaria reported closures of about 75 per cent of its entire operating plants, including everything from bakeries to steel mills.

Military Headquarters in Hesse expected a 100 per cent stoppage

Death At Sea, Aloft, On Land

Helsinki, Jan. 5.

Twenty-eight survivors of the cableship "Karia" and the body of its captain, August Wilhelm Nickel, were brought here by a Russian warship after the Danish craft struck a mine in the Finnish Sea and sank in five minutes. Fifteen other crewmen are missing and believed dead.—United Press.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 5.

A Panair do Brasil seaplane crashed in northern Brazil on Saturday night. All 11 passengers and crew were killed.—Associated Press.

London, Jan. 5.

The Yarmouth and Southampton tugs have gone out to the aid of the Greek ship "Varvassi" (3,374 tons) which went aground 200 yards off the Needles lighthouse on Sunday. The lifeboat is standing by the stranded ship. Tugs are to try to tow her free at high tide.—Associated Press.

Utsunomiya, Jan. 5.

A fire today destroyed three large Japanese hotels and 50 other shops and residences in Kanagawa, a hot spring resort near here, causing scores of injured who were treated at a nearby school. The fire started from one of the hotels' overheated boilers.—United Press.

New Orleans, Jan. 5.

The British motor vessel "Trader Horn," object of a Caribbean search, has limped into Bluefield, Nicaragua, considerably storm damaged, a steamship agent reported in New Orleans on Saturday night. The ship has been missing since leaving New Orleans on December 21 for Nicaragua.—Associated Press.

Shanghai, Jan. 5.

All 38 passengers were killed when a China National Airways plane crashed today near Tientsin. The plane was flying from Shanghai to Tientsin.—Reuter.

Yokohama, Jan. 5.

The French Consulate at Yokohama was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Only charred walls remained standing on Sunday. United States fire fighters answered the alarm, but were unable to bring the flames under control. The four-storey building, standing on Yokohama bluff, burned for seven hours. It was fortunately unoccupied. During the past few weeks steps had been taken to prepare the building for the arrival of a French consul and staff. The United States Army is investigating the cause of the fire.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

An anti-cyclonic opp. extreme NW China has thrust a fresh wave of high pressure SE to the Central China coast. A complex depression over W. Central China is weakening and a depression in the Southern Sea of Japan is deepening and moving ENE. Pressure is relatively low over the equatorial regions.

Today's forecast—Light easterly winds; weather fair or fine with thick early haze, improving slightly by day; becoming cloudy towards dusk with increasing wind.

Yesterday's weather—

Maximum	72.4 deg. F.
Minimum	61.0 deg. F.
Humidity	63.3 per cent
Winds	11.1 to 10.1 m.p.h.
Rainfall	0.0 in.
Clouds	100 per cent
Bar. at sea level	1009.7 mm.
Humidity	63.3 per cent
Wind force	11.1 to 10.1 m.p.h.
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More Names From The New Year's Honours List

Nativity Tableaux

An interesting programme of Nativity Tableaux and Carols was presented in St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday by the children of the Tai-Po Rural Orphanage before a small but appreciative audience.

The smooth manner in which the six tableaux, each depicting a chapter in the story of the birth of Christ, succeeded one another, the reverent manner of their presentation, and the high standard of efficiency reflected the greatest credit on Miss F. K. Langford, Superintendent of the Orphanage, and bore striking testimony to the patience and hard-work put in by her and her assistants to make the programme the success it was.

Proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Langford, the teachers and pupils of the Orphanage, the Rev. Mr. Ogilvie said that the colour and simplicity of the finale—which showed the child Jesus in the manger surrounded by the shepherds, wise men, angels, and children—and the beautiful rendition of the Carols would surely remind each and every one of his hearers of the first Christmas.

The deciding game of the Hong Kong Table Tennis league will be played tonight at 7 p.m. at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. between the two unbeaten teams, Sing Tao and Eastern. Prices of admission are \$1.50 and \$1.

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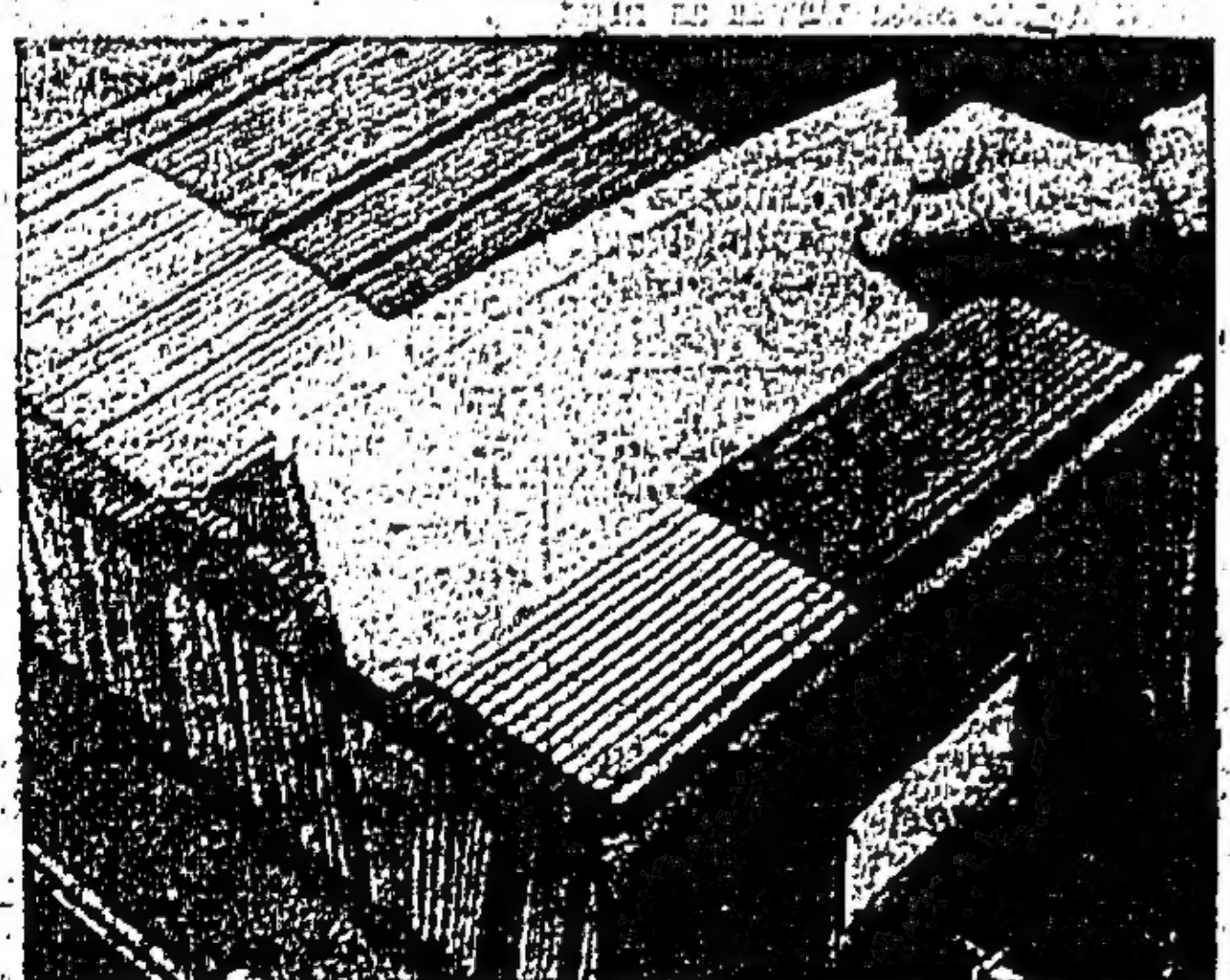
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Well-known residents of the Far East, including Sir Victor Sassoon and Mr. John Hellyer Liddell, managing director of Liddell Brothers in Shanghai, were included in the New Year's Honours List.

Sir Victor Sassoon, long connected with financial and banking business in Shanghai, becomes Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, while Mr. Liddell, a former Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Other personalities known or resident in the Far East honoured include Mr. Robert George Howe, former Counsellor at Peking and now Assistant Under-Secretary in charge of the Egyptian and Eastern Departments of the Foreign Office, who has been appointed Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and Mrs. Violet Ada Miller, who accompanied Lady Cripps on her China tour as secretary, and who is made an M.B.E.

The Under-Secretary of State for India, Arthur Henderson is appointed a member of the Privy Council on the eve of his departure for India to discuss Britain's \$1,200 million debt and other matters with the Indian Government.

The stage and screen actor, Ralph Richardson, receives the knighthood, as does Arthur Pickup, President of the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Basil Dean, head of ENSA—British official entertainment organization which provided shows for the services in all theatres of war—receives the Commandership of the British Empire.

Awards to research pioneers include the Companion of the Order of the Bath to Air Commodore Frank Whittle, pioneer in jet propulsion for aircraft; the Commander of the British Empire to Wilfred George Carter, designer of the Gloster Meteor, aircraft which holds the world's record for speed, and a knighthood for Walter Norman Howorth, Professor of Chemistry at Birmingham University, who played a prominent part in the development of the atom bomb.

The former Governor of British North Borneo, Charles Robert Smith, is created a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Commanders of the Order of the British Empire include Reginald Sydney Vernon Poulter, Food Commissioner in Ceylon.

Officers of the Order of the British Empire include Abang Haji Mustapha and Batu Randar of Sarawak.

The dispute between workers at the cafes and light refreshment establishments serving European-style meals and their employers has been settled through the mediation of the Labour Office.

The men had asked for a 5 per cent of the daily takings to supplement their pay, but this was flatly refused by the employers who offered instead a 10 per cent wage increase.

Negotiations were deadlocked for some time, and during the Christmas holidays the men actually threatened to walk out, but a last moment compromise kept them at their jobs.

The settlement was an all round wage increase ranging from 10 to 20 per cent. In individual cases which cannot be amicably settled will be taken before the Labour Office for decision.

PETAINE ILL

Paris, Jan. 5.
Marshal Pétain, 88-year-old Vichy leader of France, is seriously ill in his exile home on a small island off the coast of Brittany, his attorney, Jacques Lorry said yesterday.

Lorry said that the aged Marshal was suffering from a lung infection and admitted there was cause to worry over his condition.—Associated Press.

"Even The Lowest" Can Be Saved

Lock Haven, Jan. 6.
Jinx Harris, aviator-evangelist, once robbed a bank, and did a stretch in "San Quentin" for it, but he makes no attempt to hide his past.

Instead, he uses himself as an example that "even the lowest man can be saved."

Harris, who ferries planes to all parts of the country, for the Piper Aircraft Co., preaches between flights the gospel he turned to while serving a seven-year sentence for robbing a bank at Piru, Calif., in 1922.

Carrying clippings about his notorious past, Harris, a former silent-movie badman, has hitch-hiked 21,000 miles since his release and claims he "preached every mile of the way."—United Press.

Future Of S'hai Trams

Shanghai, Jan. 5.
The future of the British-owned Shanghai Electric Construction Company, which operates tram and trolley bus services in the former international settlement of Shanghai, is expected to be decided this week.

According to a semi-official Chinese report the proposals submitted by Mayor K.C. Wu for consideration by the Shanghai Municipal Council—the all-Chinese governing body of the city—at its session opening on January 7 include the consideration and decision whether the British-owned tramways be bought over or granted an extension of the present franchise, which is expiring soon.—Reuter.

HO YING-CHIN AND OXFORD GROUP

Niagara Falls, Jan. 5.
Gen. Ho Ying-chin, former Supreme Commander of Chinese Armies and now head of the Chinese military delegation to the United Nations, arrived today to attend the Moral Re-orientation Assembly (Oxford Movement).

Gen. Ho was welcomed officially at the morning session by Dr. S.S. Liu, Chinese Ambassador to Canada, and honoured later at a private luncheon by Dr. S.S. Low, private secretary to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, for eight years.—United Press.

WE WANT STALIN!

Moscow, Jan. 5.
Generalissimo Joseph Stalin had on his desk on Sunday morning a long letter from representatives of the Soviet Party, the Trade Union, youth, cultural and other organizations of the Stalin electoral precinct of Moscow, asking him to accept nomination as their deputy on the Supreme Soviet Russian Federation. The letter assured him that all the voters in the precinct unanimously supported his candidature.—Associated Press.

CAFE DISPUTE SETTLED

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Farewell To C.P.O. Barrett

A very pleasant evening was spent by the Chief Petty Officers Mess, H.M.S. "Tamar," when members of the Mess gave a farewell party to C.P.O. Barrett who is leaving for the United Kingdom shortly.

Saturday was also the birthday of two members of the Mess, Chief Yeoman Purdie and Chief Yeoman Wilson, which made the evening all the more convivial.

Accompanied by pianist, Chief Yeoman Nute, the Mess put on an impromptu concert, "The Matchless" (Smith, Purdie, Denney and Fennell), were well received. Mention must also be made of the turns given by C.P.O. Troiman and Chief Yeoman Smith.

On behalf of the Civilian guests, Mr. W.E. Hollands thanked the President, C.P.O. Rogers, and members for the enjoyable evening. He wished C.P.O. Barrett and other members of the Mess who would be leaving soon the best of luck.

Lucrative Trade For Smugglers

Government restrictions on exports have proved a windfall for certain gangs which have taken up the lucrative business of smuggling commodities from Hong Kong to Canton and elsewhere on behalf of third parties.

The gangs are well organized. Businessmen, desiring to have their goods smuggled out of the Colony, must first get in touch with certain Compradore firms, which act as go-betweens. The actual smugglers remain in the background and all arrangements must be concluded with the Compradore firms, which give a written undertaking, bearing their shop, that goods entrusted to them will be safely and promptly delivered, at destination.

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Spa Carlsbad—\$2.50 per bottle.

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Amstel, Pilsener, 100 cents; consumed on premises 110 cents; 100 cents and 10 cents.

Beck's, 100 cents; consumed on premises 110 cents; 100 cents and 10 cents.

Carlsbad, 100 cents; consumed on premises 110 cents; 100 cents and 10 cents.

WHITE WINE

White Wine—100 cents per 100 ml. of 50; 100 cents per 100 ml. of 50; 100 cents per 100 ml. of 50.

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CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND GOES TO THE POLLS

Although the citizens of Hong Kong appear to regard the question of self-government with a certain amount of indifference, this does not seem to be the case with the village folk in the New Territories and surrounding areas under British control.

Following the recent election at Lam Ma Village, the inhabitants of Cheung Chau Island also went to the polls last Friday as a first step towards self-government.

For a fortnight before the election, the people of Cheung Chau were busily engaged in an election campaign and preparing for Election Day.

A total of 1,500 ballot tickets were issued to the populace four days before the election. After deducting tickets which had to be cancelled for various reasons, 1,248 votes were returned.

The people were first asked to select 100 candidates from whom they had again to nominate seven representatives to take office.

A.D.O. Present

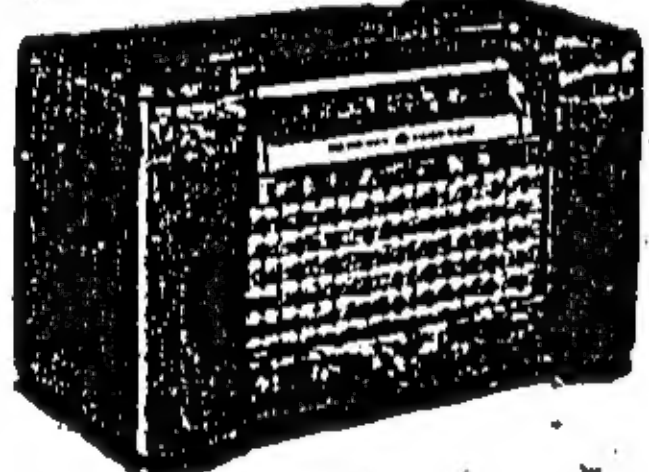
Mr. James Byrnes, the Secretary of State, Senator Vandenberg, and the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk will be among the speakers at the international forum which is being organized by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs and Time Magazine.

Another speaker will be Alcide de Gasperi, the Italian Premier and the first head of a former Axis nation to speak on American soil since the end of the war.—Reuter.

NAZI MOBBED

Frankfurt, Jan. 4. Michael Haertel, former head of the Nazi political prison at Nuernberg, was attacked by a crowd which included some of his former victims when he left the De-Nazification Court at Nuernberg, the German News Agency in the U.S. zone reported. He had to be hidden in the office of a building and was taken out by the back door under police protection.—Reuter.

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ATE HOLY WAFERS

Hamburg, Jan. 4. Four 18-year-old youths broke into the "maria church of Lichtentfeld, central Germany, in the United States zone on New Year's Eve and ate 500 holy wafers on the spot, the Dona German News Agency in the United States zone announced today. They were arrested shortly afterwards.—Reuter.

Italian Premier In Washington

Washington, Jan. 5. Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi arrived here today in quest of American financial and economic assistance which some officials believe may decide his country's immediate political future.

Accompanied by four key aides de Gasperi arrived here today in quest of American financial and economic assistance which some officials believe may decide his country's immediate political future.

His main aim—although not openly acknowledged—will be to prod the American Government into a decision on a \$100,000,000 loan which the Export and Import Bank has been considering for nearly a year.

Officials familiar with Italian problems said the Premier's success in getting American aid might well determine whether the moderate Christian Democratic Party which he heads can remain in office.—Associated Press.

Japanese To Stage A New Purge

Tokyo, Jan. 5. The Japanese Government, urged by Russian enquires, yesterday announced a new purge of ultra-Nationalists and tightened loopholes against evasions.

However, it averted a possible Cabinet crisis with specific safeguards protecting three of four Ministers whose war records otherwise would have come under scrutiny.

Japanese sources said that the order, long under consideration, was hastened when Lieutenant General Kuzma Derevyanko, Russian member of the Allied Council, enquired on Friday about the progress of the recent rural purge.

So only a comparatively small number of individuals were expected to be affected by the order designed to minimize flagrant violations. The Japanese said it would round out four previous directives affecting perhaps 400,000 war-time Jin-goists.

It prohibits blood relatives from inheriting purgee's positions, extends the journalistic purge to officials of newspapers and magazines with circulations of 20,000 or more who wrote ultra-nationalistic articles during the war, and adds 22 concerns to the extensive list. The blood relatives section, however, does not apply to wives.

The possibility of Cabinet reorganization still exists, but current Ministers were saved by an order providing that cer-

tain officials should retain their positions until the new Constitution becomes effective.—Associated Press.

Plot To Restore Horthy

Budapest, Jan. 5. Communist Minister of Interior Laszlo Rajk said 55 persons had been seized in connection with a plot to overthrow the Government and reestablish the regime of Admiral Nicholas Horthy by an armed revolt to be touched off at the moment the Russian troops leave Hungary.

Anti-Communists immediately charged the plot was a Communist "frame-up" designed to eliminate the opposition.

Rajk said the plot was engineered by a "committee of seven" six of whom were under arrest.

The committee had at its disposal "several" disassembled airplanes and had established an "underground chief of command" for an armed uprising, he said.—Associated Press.

Canton's Budget Balanced

Canton, Jan. 5. Municipal revenue in Canton during November of last year amounted to CN\$1,200,000,000 compared with CN\$400,000,000 in July, the largest previous month of the same year, Major Auyang Chu said today.

"Canton is one of the few cities in China where the budget is balanced," said the Major. Canton now has a 24-hour service of electric power and water supply and claims to have the lowest bus fare of CN\$200 a trip.

With no restriction of electricity, more lights are fast springing up in all the downtown streets.—Associated Press.

The speaker at tomorrow's meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will be Rotarian Kenneth H. Digby. Rotarian Digby, who is a founder member of Rotary in Hong Kong, has chosen as a subject "The Control of Population." The meeting will be held in the Gloucester Hotel at 12.30 p.m. as usual.

URBAN COUNCIL OFFICE HONG KONG NOTICE

1. It is hereby notified for information that spaces for the usual Chinese New Year Fair (12th—21st January, 1947 inclusive) will be allotted in the following streets:—

HONG KONG ISLAND
Southern Playground, Wanchai.

KOWLOON
Waterloo Road: from Nathan Road to the sea-front.
Argyle Street: from Sham Chun Street to Portland Street.

These streets will be marked out in stall-spaces of 10 feet by 10 feet and the fee for each stall space will be \$5.00 for the period of the fair.

Applications for stall-spaces should be made in person at the Hawker's Licensing Office, Leighton Hill Road, Hong Kong, on or after 10th January, 1947.

2. No unauthorised stalls will be allowed.

3. Stall spaces will be let for the sale of the following commodities only:—

Gold-fish.
Flowers (including artificial flowers, pot-plants and miniature gardens).
Curios.
Sandalwood.
Stationery.
Pictures and Calendars.
Toys.
Chinese confectionery.

When applying for stall-spaces applicants must state which of the above commodities they desire to sell.

4. No persons will be allowed to display their wares in places other than the authorised stall-spaces mentioned in paragraph 1 above unless they are in possession of Hawker's Licences valid for the current year.

J. P. FEHLY,
Acting Chairman,
Urban Council.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1947.

EVENING INSTITUTE TECHNICAL SECTION

It is hoped to resume classes in

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during the year 1947. Intending students should notify me BY LETTER ONLY of Course desired, previous education, standard of English and present occupation.

G. WHITE,
Principal,
Trade & Technical Schools.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1947.

Service Auction Rooms

Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc.
Basement, French Bank Bldg.,
A.E.B. de Sousa, Auctioneer.
Telephone 31367.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instruction from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction,

on TUESDAY, the 7th Jan. 1947 commencing at 10 a.m., at

THE SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS,
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STORED AT LAND TRANSPORTS CAROLINE HILL DEPOT, CAUSEWAY BAY:

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STORED AT FU WAH GODOWN, WEST POINT:
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STORED AT SUI BUN FOR GODOWN, WEST POINT:

Lamp Bulbs; Typewriting paper; Fairbank Scales; Porcelain Ware; Silk Yarn; Artificial Silk Yarn; Cotton Thread; Paper Umbrellas; Enamel Basins; Hot Water Bottles; Sheet Glass; Hand Saws with and without Blades; Axes with Handles; Pins & Clips; Paint; Nails; Window Glass; Earthenware; Cow Hides; Looking Glasses; Glass Bottles; Feeding Bottles; Paper; Cotton Flax Goods; Cotton Yarn; Personal Effects; Tin Plate; Slack Lead Powder; Match; Ramie; Tapioca; Etc.

STORED AT CHINA PROVIDENT'S Nos. 39/40, WEST POINT:

Rubber Tyres; Newspaper; Cotton Yarn; Iron Bolters; Shoe Moulds; Iron Clips; Earthenware Toys; Lime; Etc.

STORED AT CHINA PROVIDENT'S Nos. 43/45, WEST POINT:

Linseed Oil; Aniseed Oil; Hydrochloric Acid.

STORED AT CHINA PROVIDENT'S Nos. 15/16, WEST POINT:

Paper; Asphalt; Wooden tubs & barrels; Wooden Benches & Doors; Iron Boxes; Drums; Chains & Hinges; Linseed Oil; Engine Oil; Grease; Etc.; Black Dyes; Iron Grills; Etc.

The above mentioned articles will be open for inspection at their respective godowns on 4th and 5th January, 1947, between 10 a.m. and noon, and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Inspection permits will be issued by the Undersigned at the Service Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette, Notification No. 22.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1947.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY KOWLOON

Appointment of Computers

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G. S. HEYWOOD,
Director, Royal Observatory.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1947.

NOTICE

SPORTS CLUB

Owing to pressure of business the preparation of the accounts has been delayed and the Annual General Meeting has therefore been postponed until Tuesday 28th January 1947.

W. A. SHEA
(Hon. Sec.)

REMINDER

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONG KONG

It is proposed to hold a meeting of this Society in the board room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, on Tuesday, 7th January, 1947 at 6.30 p.m.

The objects of the meeting are—

- (1) The Revival of the Society.
- (2) Election of Officers.
- (3) Any other business.

All Englishmen, whether members of the Society or not are invited to be present.

A. SOMMERFELT,
Actg. Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE THE ASIATIC PETROLEUM CO. (S.C.) LTD. HONG KONG

As from 1.1.47 the Agency for the Ships of the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company is being transferred to Messrs Butterfield & Swire, Connaught Road Central. (Tel. 30331-8).

Commencing from 6.1.47, all correspondence, bills etc. relating to all matters connected with Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company vessels should be addressed to Messrs Butterfield & Swire direct.

NOTICE BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

As from 1.1.47 we have taken over the Agency for the ships of the ANGLO SAXON PETROLEUM CO. LTD.

Commencing from 6.1.47 all correspondence, bills etc. relating to all matters connected with the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Company's vessels should be addressed to us at the following address:—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
1 Connaught Road, Central.
Tel. 30331-8.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB

The rehabilitation of the Club's premises is to be commenced immediately. Two cement courts are at present available, and the Clubhouse and five sand courts will be available in the near future.

Members are notified that their subscriptions for the half year ending 30th June, 1947, are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, Repulse Bay Hotel.

MEMBERS AT PRESENT IN THE COLONY WHO FAIL TO PAY THEIR SUBSCRIPTION BEFORE THE 31st JANUARY, 1947, WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE CLUB.

Forms of Application for Membership and new Subscription rates can be obtained from me at Repulse Bay Hotel.

G. F. WHITE,
Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Sealed Tenders in Duplicate will be received at the Office of the Custodian of Property until 12 noon on Friday, 10th January, 1947, for the purchase of the following unclaimed property.

Tenders should be clearly marked: "Tenders for"

ITEM NO.	LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION	GODOWN
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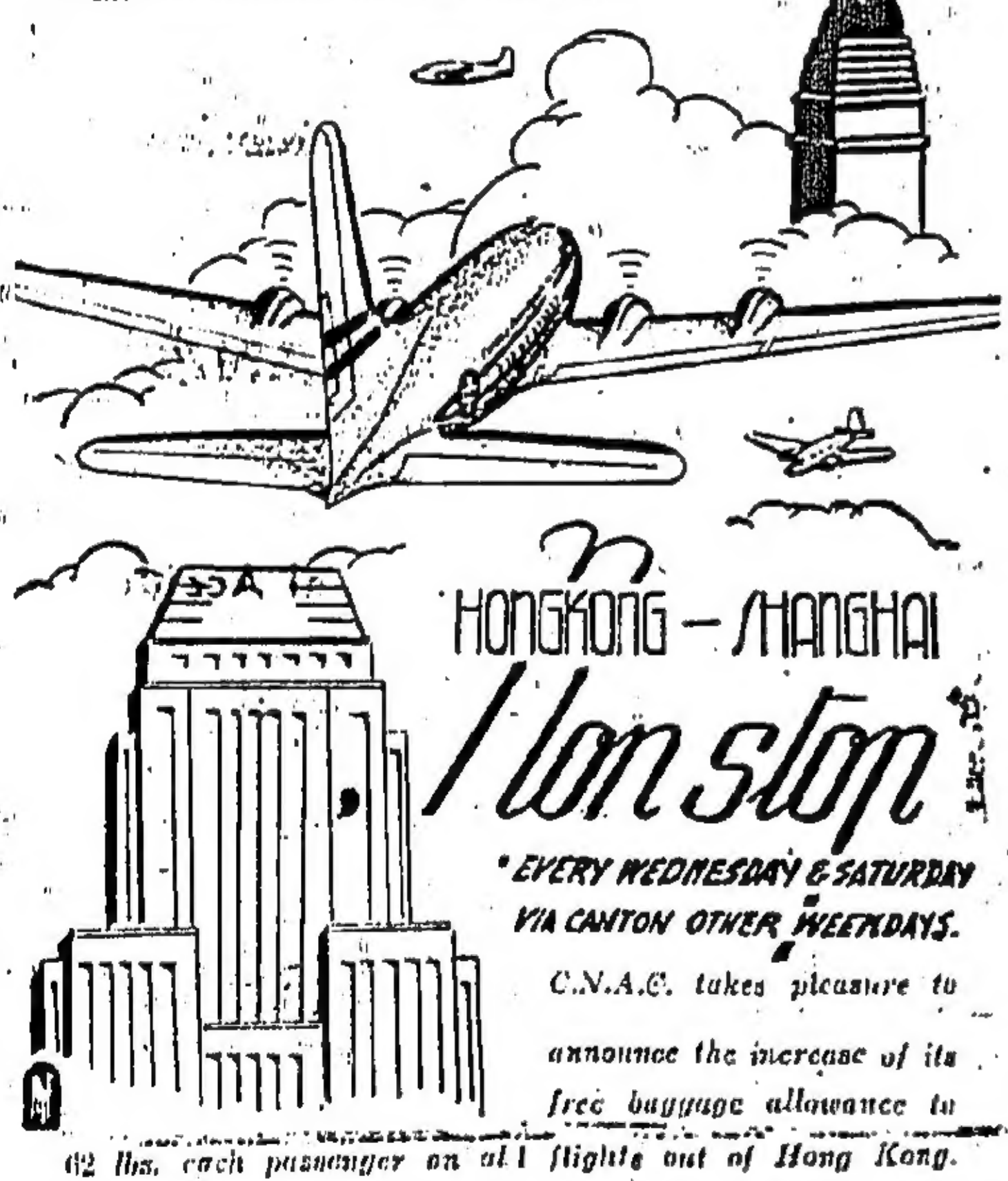
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GREEK DILEMMA

During the two years since that memorable Christmas morning when Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden arrived in Athens amid the din of street battle, Greece has not yet contrived to set her feet on the pathway to tranquility. The explosive possibilities of the present disturbed situation in the Northern mountains are illustrated by the action of a local Greek commander in giving notice of his intention to pursue into Bulgarian territory guerrilla bands who retreat beyond the frontier. Whether he had the authority of his Government for such a course does not appear in the reports, but the serious international complications which might result scarcely need emphasis. All the more urgent is the despatch of the frontier commission decided upon by the Security Council of the United Nations. Jan. 15 has been fixed as the latest date for the departure of the Commission, but events are already pointing to the desirability of an earlier arrival. It is of the first importance that the truth about the alleged frontier violations should be known without delay, and that the Security Council should act with promptitude if the allegations are substantiated.

Three valuable months have been wasted since the Russian veto on a frontier commission when the proposal was first mooted. Even now the Russians have only accepted under protest on the ground that if Greece would set her house in order there would be no frontier troubles. The internal condition of Greece is admittedly most unsatisfactory owing to the factional intransigence of the parties. On the other hand, the Greek Government complains that guerrilla bands are not only hindered from crossing and recrossing the Northern frontiers, but are given refuge, encouragement and even training on neighbours' territory. With a view to aggravating Greece's domestic difficulties, the correctness or otherwise of these charges will be the subject of the commission's inquiry, but the evidence of un official observers gives them at least a prima facie foundation. Denials could be more easily credited were it not known that Bulgaria aspires to the annexation of Greek territory which would afford her a port on the Aegean, and that Yugoslavia favours the creation of an autonomous Macedonia with Salonika as the capital.

The whole situation puts Britain in an unenviable dilemma. By keeping her troops in Greece she becomes exposed to the accusation from interested quarters of interventionist activity which prevents tranquillisation. On the other hand, to withdraw them in present circumstances would almost certainly lead to the renewal of civil war. The suggestion that Britain has any other motive but to hold the ring while the Greek people decide their own destiny and substitute unity and strength for weakness and discord is a malicious slander. It is not the fault but the misfortune of Britain that her efforts have not so far produced better results. Clearly she cannot walk out so long as the risk of chaos persists. If other Powers would cease their war of nerves against Greece the prospects both of her own withdrawal and of Greek consolidation would be considerably brighter. As things are she has no recourse but to ignore calumny and to continue her pacificatory efforts. Greece is her willing ward, whom she cannot consistently with her obligations throw to the wolves.

MINUTOLO BACK IN GAOL

New York, Jan. 5. Alfred Minutolo, 34-year-old "graduate" of the notorious Alcatraz Island prison, and one of the nine men who escaped on Thursday from Brooklyn gaol, was recaptured last night near Hackensack, New Jersey, almost 20 miles away. Police claim that Minutolo helped to plan the outbreak. The eight other convicts, including Anthony Aiello, self-confessed murderer, are still at large. Associated Press.

What Did Mr. Malthus Say In 1798?

Were one to ask a man in the street "Who was Mr. Malthus?" I can imagine him answering, "A bad man; a malignant person of German origin, who hated his kind and had pessimistic ideas about economics now exploded; and a writer of improper books about birth-control." In such an answer there would, indeed, be the faint echo of old controversies, but it would be wrong in every particular.

Malthus was of unmixed English stock. His supposedly foreign name is as English as an old Kentish malt-house. His earliest known ancestor was a puritan divine under the Commonwealth, and his father was a small squire who lived at Dorking, where Malthus was born in 1766. He was a man of boundless kindness, with charity for all men, and a deep concern for the welfare of humanity. He was a fellow of Jesus College, a clergyman of the Church of England, and for 30 years a much beloved and trusted teacher of youth at the East India College, then at Haileybury. In his works there is no reference to contraception, and not a word that could bring a blush to any cheek. So far from his theories having been exploded, they are an enduring part of the foundations upon which modern economics have been built. The first edition of his "Essay on Population" is more; it is a milestone on the path of the analytical thought by which the mind of man has achieved a better understanding of his relation to nature in general, and to human society in particular. Charles Darwin is the witness, who tells us that it was the Essay which started the process by which his theory crystallised out of his observations and experiments. Malthus's description of the struggle for existence helped him to understand how in such a struggle it is the fittest that survive.

But the Essay is of more than historical interest; it is a tract for our own times, as well as for those of Malthus. To understand it one must recall his background. His father was a gentle but enthusiastic follower of Rousseau, of whom he made a friend during Rousseau's stay in England, and he brought his son up in the faith. Rousseau and Hume were to be his idols. He was to admire the French Revolution, and for his tutor his father chose Gibbon Wakefield, the Unitarian Minister from Birmingham whom Pitt put in prison for admiring the revolution too much. In current phrase we should say that the formative period of his life was spent in an atmosphere of the Left. He went to Cambridge and was a good mathematician, and ninth wrangler. He took a fellowship at Jesus with ease. He had a share in managing college affairs, and must, for instance, have helped to try and keep in order a particularly revolutionary and eccentric undergraduate of Jesus, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who ran away and enlisted in the Dragoons. So he passed to a curacy at Albury, near Dorking, and to the professorship of History and Economics for 20 years, at Haileybury.

That was the surface, but beneath it was much more. Mathematical Cambridge had turned his mind away from the amiable generalities of the Friends of Humanity towards the search for facts and towards close reasoning from facts. He found himself capable of great activity of mind, and of intense and prolonged application to the observation of facts and the analysis of the conclusions to be drawn from them. He was, in short, a realist and a logician, dissatisfied with anything "out" of the realities of the world as a basis for thought. He also loved a good argument; and having argued everything out with his Cambridge friends, he looked into the greater world to find somebody else to argue with, and found antagonists there ready to his hand.

These were the Perfectibilists, and the Perfectibilists were the torch-bearers of the Revolution. Condorcet had the torch from Rousseau, and taught the men, who later beat him to death, that all the evils of man are due, not to defects in his character, but to defects in his institutions. In England Godwin caught the fire, and preached the "perfectibility" of man through equality. Only give us time enough and total equality, without any laws at all of property or marriage, and we shall all live together in peace and happiness, and evil

will be over for ever. So Godwin taught. It is noticeable that he, the Perfectibilist, as we know from his relations with Shelley, was a snob, a sponger, and a scamp; while his critic Malthus, the realist, was a man of the utmost integrity.

The ideas of Condorcet and Godwin were, of course, the ideas in which Malthus had been brought up by his father and Gibbon Wakefield. The mature and formidable young mathematician, deeply pondering the realities in his country curacy, reviewed those ideas, shook his head over them, told his father that they would not do, and in reply to his father's challenge delivered his attack upon them in the first "Essay on Population." It was published in 1798 when the Directory was on its last legs, England was threatened by invasion, Fichte was being expelled from Jena, and Irish catholics were killing protestants on Revolution principles. So men of sober mind had had time to review the benefits of the "violent destruction of a social order in the name of liberty, equality, and fraternity. The book is a dumpy little octavo, badly printed on bad paper. Few copies were issued, and they are now extremely rare. (There is a good reprint by the Clarendon Press.) It made a great splash, from which the ripples are still spreading.

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The theme of the book is the struggle for existence. Condorcet held that give man perfect institutions and his nature will be perfect. No, said Malthus. Man's nature with its weakness and passions is incapable of perfection. There is no evidence in his history or present state that his passions can be eliminated so as to eliminate evil. His character can be improved but not perfected. Godwin supported Condorcet, and added the remarkable suggestion that science might prolong human life for ever. Malthus raised his eyebrows. There is no evidence, he writes, that such a goal, or any of the goals of the Perfectibilists, is attainable; and in a brilliant passage he laid the true foundation upon which to build expectations of the future. We must not believe anything which absolutely contradicts uniform experience. There is a very striking difference between that and believing an assertion which contradicts nothing, but is merely beyond the power of our present observation and knowledge. In short, man always has been acquisitive and competitive, and there is no reason to suppose that any change in his institutions will ever make him other-

wise. Institutions and social systems founded on a contrary assumption must fail.

Malthus goes further. He undertakes to prove that it is in the nature of things that there must always be a struggle for existence, that in the struggle there must be varying degrees of success, and that the less successful must feel some measure of want. Your plans, he contends, for an equitarian society, where everyone has all he needs, with security that it will always be so, are an idle dream. Nature will always defeat them. Even if you were to succeed in establishing such a society, it would be unstable. Natural forces would restore inequality and want.

To prove this he examines the nature of the struggle for existence, and describes it thus. Population increases in a geometrical ratio. Food supplies increase in the much slower arithmetical ratio only. But it is not possible that the two ratios should differ widely for long. There cannot for long be more people in the world than there is food to feed them. What prevents the ratios from differing is want, imposed by some upon others in the struggle for existence. It is want and all its evils that check the growth of population.

It is a pity that his training led Malthus to give so mathematical and over-precise a form to his thesis. It is not necessary, and it is not satisfactory, it is, for instance, easy to object that cattle and cereals increase in geometrical ratio, like man, not in arithmetical ratio. Nevertheless, the thesis is true in substance. Population is always tending to outstrip food-supply, and being kept in check by want. To test the truth of that, one may use a method which, although often imperfect, is always useful, the method of extremes. Suppose that all means of increasing food-supplies have been exhausted, and the world is producing the maximum. Families will still tend to exceed two children, and the population to increase. There must then be competition for the means of subsistence, success and failure, and with failure, want. To enforce equality can then only force all down together into misery.

Birth-control, it must be observed, was not a factor to be taken into account in Malthus's day. Had it been, it would not have affected the validity of his argument. People will not willingly abstain from the pleasure of children, unless they already experience to some extent those consequences of want which make children a burden. Birth-control can only mitigate

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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You virtually never see one of the top class players make an original suit bid of three or more on a hand which can be useful for any purpose other than with that suit is the trump. If the long suit is solid-headed by the ace-king-queen, it is extremely useful at No Trumps. So with such a suit, if the entire hand is not strong enough for an original bid of one, then the star players pass and bids strongly later.

S. 4 3
H. A 9 4 2
D. 10 9 4 3
C. A 9 4
S. 10 9
H. K 10 6
D. Q 8 7 4
C. J 9 7 3
N. 5 7 6
W. E. Q J 5 3
D. A K 5
C. K 8 6 2
S. A K Q J 8 5 2
H. 8 7
D. J 2
C. 10 5

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

	South	West	North	East
1. 4 S	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
2. 3 S	Pass	Pass	4 S	Pass
3. Pass	Pass	1 H	Pass	Pass
2 S	Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
3 S	Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

There you have the bidding at three tables of a social duplicate party. The declarers at the first two tables got set one trick, losing one in hearts, two in diamonds and one in clubs. At Table 3 sat two high-ranking players who never crowd the bidding of their own side except when holding a hand so worthless generally that their

main idea is to shut out the opponents. When one of these makes an original bid of either three or four in a suit, he informs his partner that his hand is utterly useless in any circumstance, except with that suit as the trump. That message could not be conveyed with this hand, as it had terrific value at No Trump play, furnishing seven sure tricks. If North had even a singleton in the suit and could stop the other suits before the defense picked up four tricks.

So South's hand was "strong enough to pass and bid strongly later." That is what he did, and so his partner wound up in an unbeatable 3-No Trumps. If North had passed on his first turn and East opened, South could have bid 2-Spades as an overall, and the pair would have reached the same invincible 3-No Trumps.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. Q 8 6 4
H. A 7
D. 8 5 2
C. K 4 3 2
S. K 10 2
H. K Q J 8 4
D. Q 7 3
C. 7 6
N. A J 7 5
W. E. 10 9 3
D. K J 8
C. J 9 5
S. 9 3
H. 8 5 2
D. A 10 9 4
C. A Q 10 3

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)

What two factors, as important as honor strength, should South weigh when pondering an opening fourth-hand bid on his borderline holding?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"An' I suppose if I gotcha th' readin' lamp, the next thing you'd want would be a book!"

the effects of the tendency of population to outgrow subsistence; it cannot prevent them.

The course of events since the days of Malthus has shown the need for another refinement upon his theory, in the stark form which he first gave it. Since then applied science has improved our lot in civilized lands with many new comforts, and each comfort, as we have grown used to it, has become a necessity. We have learned that "want" is a comparative term. Our "wants" are relative to the standard of living to which we are accustomed in our time and place, and so we may see population being checked in one part of the world by conditions that encourage it in another. Population in our times, has indeed, been checked in Western Europe while it has increased in Asia under a far lower standard of living. What is want in Manchester is plenty in Malabar.

Such are the bare bones of the Malthusian dialectic, a skeleton in the cupboard of all Perfectibilists, equalitarians, and planners of a Utopia in which there is no competition; and a skeleton of which they cannot get rid.

William James divides minds into tough and tender. In this sphere, the tender-minded are for ever seeking to frame a polity which will get rid of the curse of Adam. They look within, see the unlimited spiritual riches of the human mind in its best examples, and plan for a world of abnormally elevated beings, free from the impact of adverse circumstance. The tough-minded look without, and see that the material riches of humanity's environment are by no means unlimited. They plan for a polity which takes notice of the limits imposed by nature upon human perfectibility, and, by seeking an attainable better, avoid the failure, often catastrophic, and the delay, always mischievous, involved in the pursuit of an impossible best. Malthus is of the type of the tough-minded.

Some of the practical applications which he made of his principles to the questions of his day are still interesting. He opposed for instance all personal allowances (in his days poor-law allowances) not given as the direct and proportionate reward of useful work. "They tend to increase population without increasing the means for its support, and thus to 'create more poor.'" Pitt's poor-bill of the day was a case in point, and he fell foul of it. Pitt, we know, had a more open mind for the new subject of "political economy" than Fox, who thought that it was a dodge of Pitt's to dish the Whigs; in this case his judicial mind was brought to admit that the economists had the best of the argument, and ultimately he dropped his policy of parish-allowances altogether.

It should be said, by the way, that Malthus based his arguments about such practical affairs on no narrow academic basis. He had a clear insight into the relations between production and consumption; wages and prices; savings and investment; and of the quantity theory of money. He developed these subjects in a characteristic example of his genius, a correspondence with Ricardo which began in 1811 and ended only with the death of Malthus in 1834. In this Malthus seems

throughout, to have his feet on the earth, and Ricardo his head in the clouds. The two great minds differed widely, but the more they differed the better friends they became. Of their contention Keynes wrote ("Essays in Biography," page 144): "If only Malthus instead of Ricardo had been the parent stem from which 19th century economics proceeded, what a much wiser and richer piece the world would be!"

It would be wholly to misjudge Malthus to conclude that he was a pessimist of the sort that deplores all effort to improve our human lot. It is true that in the first edition of the Essay, to make his case the clearer, he stresses the insurmountable bar to its unlimited improvement. But in the 2nd edition (1803), a much larger and certainly a less readable and brilliant book, he writes about how improvement can be achieved and what is to be avoided in the process. He never wrote a word to discourage us from the struggle for improvement; he sought rather to guide our efforts in the right direction. What, is that direction? Malthus answers the question by a parable. An oak-tree has roots, trunk, and top. The trunk, the middle, is the part most useful to man. Roots and top may be of no practical use, but they are necessary to the growth of the oak, and it is no good trying to grow an oak without them.

Effort should be directed to growing an oak with as much trunk and as little top and roots as possible. Similarly, because competition for subsistence is inevitable, human society will always have upper, middle, and lower classes. It is in the middle stratum that effort and reward are best balanced, and it is consequently in that stratum that humanity is best off and most productive, especially in the rights. So effort should be directed to reducing the proportion of the extremes, the upper and lower classes, to the middle class. But any attempt to get rid altogether of top and roots must fail. In Malthus's time this was no doubt, an adequate plan for a social policy. Since his time our society has gone a long way in reducing the proportion of roots and top, particularly of top. It is arguable that top has been reduced to an extent that threatens the health of the tree. Certainly it has affected its beauty.

The Illuminist little book comes to an end with two chapters which are a treasure of our literature. The curate of Albury realizes that his argument about the inevitability of want, and its consequent evils, material and moral, must shock the orthodox church-men of his day, and he goes to meet the coming storm by giving an account of his faith. It is very much that of a pantheist who approaches Deity through nature. He accepts, of course, the doctrines of his church (with the exception of eternal punishment) but he rejects the conclusion that this world is no more than a future and better state. On the contrary, it is the scene upon which good is realized, as only it can be realized, by conflict with evil. Good enters, he says, anticipating Alexander, by a process in time, and the process is that in which the mind of man is stimulated into activity by the needs of man, and not least by his material needs. Without want, no effort, without effort, no mind, and without mind, no good. The struggle for existence is the cause of man's humanness, as well as of his misery. Competition is the root of all good, as well as of all evil.

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MARTIAL LAW NEXT STEP?

Military Move Possible In Palestine

Discussion Of New Security Plan

London, Jan. 4. Martial law may be imposed in Palestine, following the recent outburst of terrorism, if the High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, recommends that it is the only method of dealing with the situation, informed quarters here stated today.

Whatever action is taken by the British Cabinet next week will depend on the report Sir Alan Cunningham brought with him when he arrived here last night and it is thought that if he considers that martial law is the only possibility, this step would have the Government's serious consideration.

Today's Sabbath in Palestine may give way to yet more terrorism and the next 24 hours may bring a crisis in the country, but political quarters think that the Government would make a final appeal to responsible Jewish elements, inside and outside of Palestine, before taking drastic steps.

Discussions on whether an iron hand must be used were expected to go on throughout the weekend. Sir Alan Cunningham has gone to a secret retreat, where he will study the special military and security plan which, it is believed, he discussed last night with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, and the Chief of Imperial Staff, Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery.

Sworn To Secrecy

Sir Alan Cunningham's whereabouts are known only to Mr. Creech-Jones, Colonial Secretary, and Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, and a squad of senior despatch riders, who have been sworn to secrecy. The latter are standing by at the Colonial Office to rush through to the High Commissioner every scrap of news that comes through from Palestine. He is expected to report back with his observations on Monday morning.

The High Commissioner is thought to have told Mr. Bevin today that the state of law and order in Palestine cannot be allowed to worsen at the present rate. The increasingly restive frame of mind of the British troops there since the latest floodings by terrorists is believed to have been one of the factors responsible for Sir Alan's visit to London.

An Offensive?

On the other hand, the Cabinet would hesitate to pre-empt the success of the next attempt at a diplomatic settlement on the resumption of the Palestine conference on Jan. 21, by the announcement of firm and repressive military measures in the next few days.

One possibility is that Britain may launch a military offensive in Palestine and at the same time refer the whole issue to the United Nations. But this, like every other possibility now being anxiously discussed, still lies in the balance.—Reuter.

Martial Law

London, Jan. 4. The Sunday Times diplomatic correspondent says categorically that the fact that Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General Staff, took part in yesterday's London consultation on Palestine "indicates that the Government is contemplating military measures to deal with the situation."

"It is probable that martial law will be enforced generally together with the tightening of existing control and security measures, approximating to a formal state of siege," the correspondent adds.

"This would make it possible to take summary action against rioters and gangster methods of the Zionist terrorists instead of relying mainly on civil power as has been done hitherto."—Reuter.

JERUSALEM CHASE

Jerusalem, Jan. 4. Police radio cars were tonight speeding through Jerusalem in a hunt for a taxi believed to be carrying three Jews who, earlier in the evening, placed a road-mine on a street in the Nashashli quarter of the city, leading to the police camp at Mount Scopus.

Because most terrorist home-made mines are extremely dangerous to handle, sappers will not attempt to dismantle this one until daylight. The area in the immediate vicinity of the mine has been cordoned off.

Two British soldiers were slightly injured when a British military 2-ton lorry was blown up by a mine near Carmel College in Haifa.

Troops guarding all public buildings in Jerusalem are standing by tonight, after reported explosion, alleged to have blown up a British military police patrol car, according to radio reports to police headquarters. There are believed to have been no casualties.

Meanwhile, a strong warning to illegal terrorist organisations, particularly the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang, was issued tonight by the Jewish Defence Organisation, the Haganah, stating that if their activities do not cease they will "lead to civil war."

The warning calls for an immediate stoppage of terrorism under the threat of "most dire reprisals."

The Haganah is described by the Jewish Agency as "an organisation of able bodied men and women in Jewish Palestine to protect themselves from attack—a form of Home Guard."—Reuter.

Tel-Aviv Battle

London, Jan. 4. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch reported from Tel-Aviv that a fierce gun battle was raging in the centre of Tel-Aviv.

The dispatch said that all telephone communications, into and out of the city were cut and it was believed that the guards on the railway running through the city had been attacked by terrorists.—United Press.

New Restrictions

Jerusalem, Jan. 5. The British clamped rigid restrictions on their armed forces barring them from civilian restaurants, bars and cafes in Palestine.

A British soldier was injured when a bomb exploded under a military police car near Beit Safafa, between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

The blast sent the troops scurrying to emergency stations.—Associated Press.

NEW P. & Q. SUPERINTENDENT

London, Jan. 4.

Captain E. M. Coates has been appointed P. and Q. Marine Superintendent, succeeding Captain H. P. Lyndon, who has now retired after 43 years' service.

Captain Coates joined the P. and Q. in 1912 as a fourth officer. His first temporary command was the Corfu, and he afterwards served as staff-captain on the Strathmore, spending two years of the war in her.

Going to Captain Coates' old job as assistant Marine Superintendent will be Captain A. Rodgers, who now relinquishes the command of Strathmore.—Reuter.

CONFERENCE ON PACIFIC

Washington, Jan. 4. The United States has accepted the invitation of the Australian and New Zealand Governments to attend a conference at Canberra on January 28 on the establishment of a regional advisory commission for non-self-governing territories in the south Pacific, the United States State Department announced tonight.

Britain, France and the Netherlands are also invited to discuss the commission which would promote advancement by these administering powers of the region's inhabitants.—Reuter.

COAL LOOTERS ARRESTED

Hamburg, Jan. 4. German police flying squads, specially organised to protect Hamburg's remaining coal stocks and coal trains arriving from the Ruhr, have arrested about 1,000 coal looters during the past week. In the last 24 hours they made the biggest daily capture of 164 people, swooping on points along the line where trains are forced to slow down and crowds wait to swarm aboard and throw off tons of coal.—Reuter.

Soviet Wants Back Renegade

Washington, Jan. 5. Russia has asked the United States to hand over to the Soviet authorities "as a criminal" one of its former trade mission employees in Mexico, who walked out on his job last week.

The Soviet Embassy announced that it had informed the State Department that Kiril Alexeev, former employee of the Soviet trade representative to Mexico, was accused of having "embezzled" considerable amount of money in connection with his work in Mexico.

He is also accused of "treachery and treason to his country." Early this week in New York, Martin Richmond, attorney, issued a statement on behalf of the man identified as Kiril M. Alexeev, formerly an employee in Mexico, who sharply criticised the Soviet Union and declared that he would not return "to a life under the hell of dictatorship" in Russia.—Associated Press.

Monty Leaves On Visit To Stalin

Berlin, Jan. 5. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery landed at Gatow airport at 1415 GMT yesterday for a two-day visit in Berlin proceeding to Moscow on a military inspection visit.

Lord Montgomery was greeted by delegations of British and Soviet Army officers.

The Russian delegation was headed by General P. A. Kurochkin, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Soviet Forces in Germany.

The British delegation was led by Lieutenant General Sir Brian Robertson, British Deputy Military Governor in Germany, and Major General E. P. Nares, Commander of British Forces in Berlin.

Lord Montgomery, who arrived in a four engined York transport, reviewed a guard of honour composed of R.A.F. personnel at the airport.

Lord Montgomery said he expected to leave on Monday morning for Moscow where he will visit for about a week.

"Asked if he expected to see Generalissimo Stalin, he said, 'I certainly hope so.'"

The Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who was formerly British Military Governor in Germany, was asked his impression of Berlin on this return visit.

"Very cold," he replied, gulling his coat close against the chill.—Associated Press.

Montgomery said he would stay in Russia a week and had no plans to tour the Soviet Union, but "that is up to the Soviet Army; I am in their hands."

"I am going to Russia as a soldier," he said. "I want to pay my respects to the Soviet Army, which played such a big part in the victory of the Allies. I want to establish friendly contacts with the Soviet Army. I have very high hopes that out of this friendly contact will come mutual understanding, and mutual confidence for a happy relationship for the mutual benefit of us all."

Diplomatic circles believed Montgomery will discuss with Generalissimo Stalin and Soviet military leaders prospects for closer Anglo-Soviet military relations. Some London sources speculated that the talks might result in the establishment of a joint Anglo-Soviet Chief-of-Staffs Committee, similar to the Anglo-

Newspaper Go-Slow Strike

Paris, Jan. 4. The 20 morning newspapers of Paris were tonight completing emergency plans for tomorrow's delivery of papers, particularly to the provinces, as the extension of the "go-slow" strike of machine-room men and distributors appeared inevitable.

Today was the second day of the strike and by noon only one of the six evening papers—Paris Presse—had come out.

The workers are demanding 100 francs per day wage increase. Few papers this morning were transported beyond the city limits. Many drivers of delivery vans arrived an hour late for work and said they had difficulty in starting up their vans, some of which did not leave the garages. Several newspapers were unable to publish their provincial editions.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Premier's office declared on behalf of the Government: "There will be no increase."—Reuter.

OGDEN REID DEAD

New York, Jan. 4. Ogden Mills Reid, 64, publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, died overnight at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre of pneumonia. He entered hospital early in December with a throat infection.

Reid began his career as a reporter on the Tribune in 1908 and became editor in 1912. He was educated in Paris where his father was U.S. Ambassador Whitelaw Reid.—United Press.

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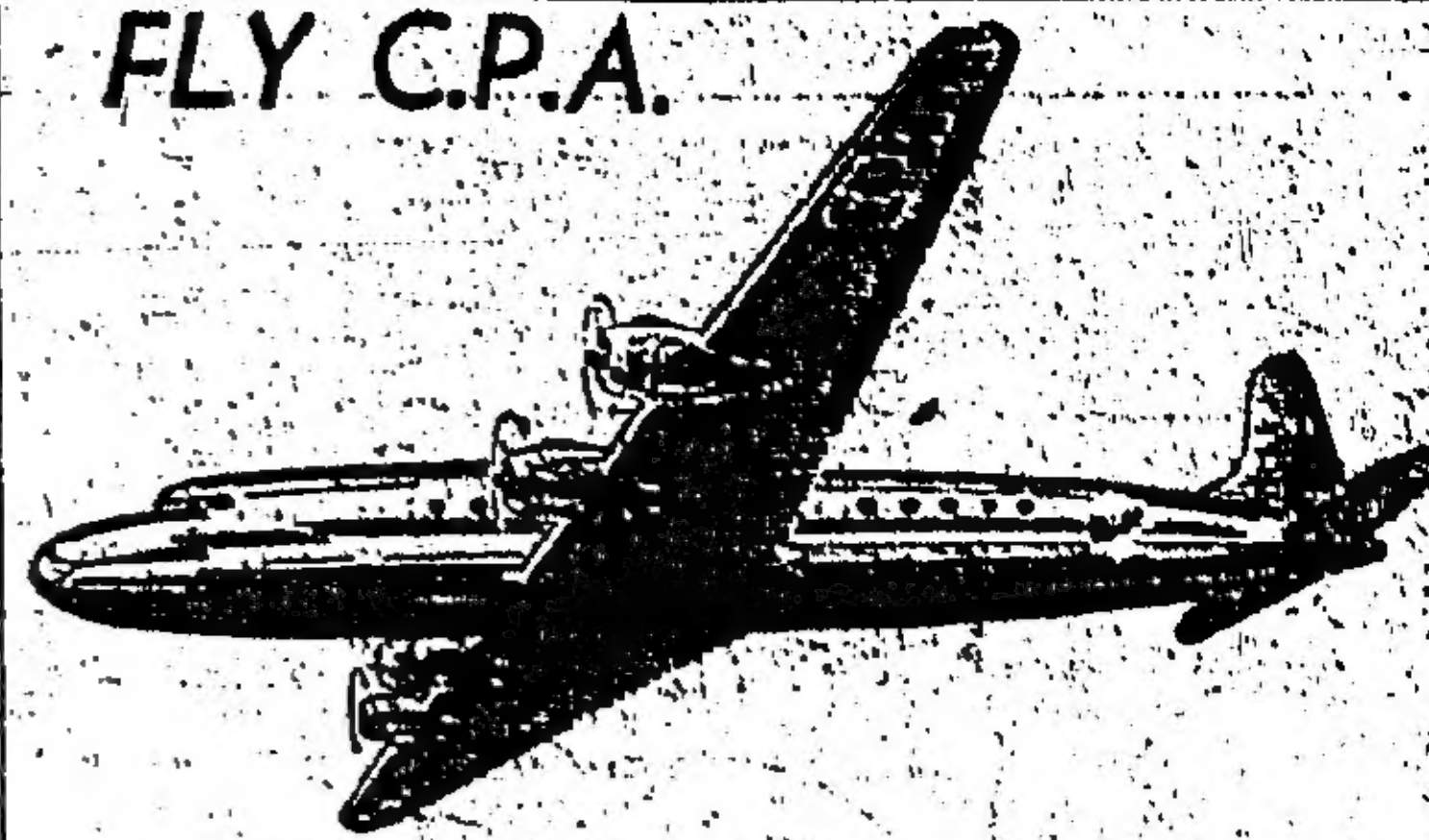
Buenos Aires, Jan. 4. The Argentine Government transport, Patagonia, sailed today with the Argentine Antarctic expedition which will establish an observatory in the Polar regions. Two Chilean officers are accompanying the expedition.—Reuter.

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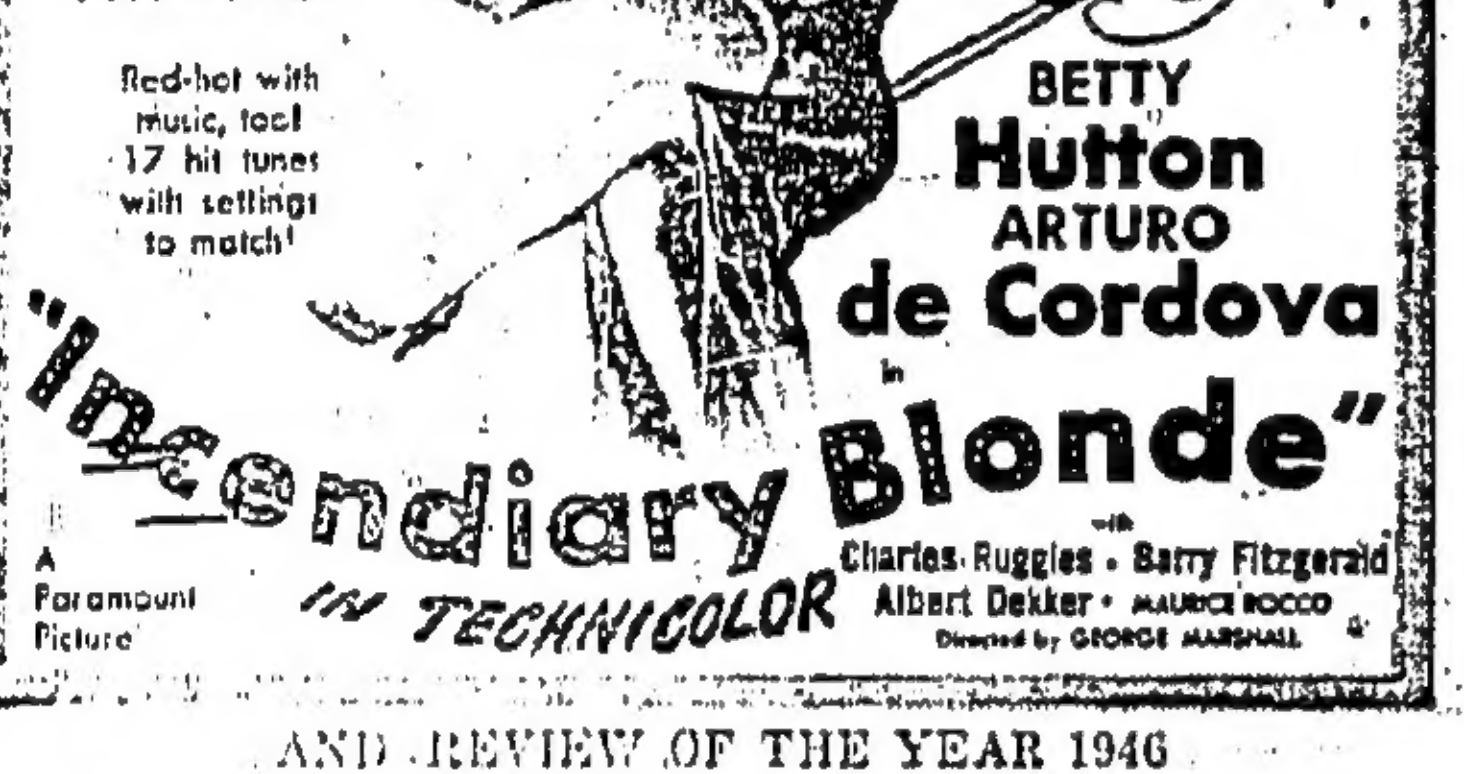
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MORE TROUBLE AHEAD WITH EGYPT

Cairo, Jan. 4. An outspoken leading article in the Independent Akbar El Yom newspaper today declared that responsible Egyptian quarters were considering among other steps the withdrawal of the Egyptian Ambassador in London and a request to Britain for the dismissal of Major-General Sir Hubert Huddleston, Governor-General of the Sudan.

This request would be made, on the ground that he had acted contrary to the 1899 agreement between Britain and Egypt for joint control of the Sudan, said the paper.

(Protests were made in the Egyptian Parliament this week against the statement by the Governor-General that the Sudanese people would be left free to choose their own future.)

"Egypt began a new policy towards Britain on Dec. 31," the newspaper continued. "On that date for the first time the Egyptian Premier described Britain's policy towards Egypt as aggressive."

"Without divulging any secrets, we can say that responsible quarters have considered or are considering the following steps:

"Firstly, the suggestion that Sheikh Al Azhar should convoke the ULEMAS (Moslem religious leaders) and submit the question of the Grand Cadi of the Sudan and particularly how the Governor-General of Sudan, himself British, could appoint the Cadi.

Appeal To U.N.O. "The Egyptians argue that the Grand Cadi, who is a judge and

"Soldier First," Says General Ike

Miami, Jan. 4. General Dwight D. Eisenhower asserted today that he is a soldier and that mention of his name as a possible political candidate "is not good for the great organization I command."

He said in an interview "from the beginning of the war whenever there was mentioned the possibility of a future political career for me I have instantly refused to consider such a contingency."

"I have done this publicly and privately. It is clear that any mention of my name with politics is not good for the great organization I command."

"I am a soldier and it is my duty to command the army. The Army definitely is nonpartisan and national in character and anything that tends to cloud the soundness of that feature is inimical to the welfare of the United States."

Asked about his possible retirement he said "I don't know when I'll get the opportunity. I have a job to do and I'm going to do it as long as I'm needed."

Eisenhower described as "unfortunate" a recent story published in Washington purporting to quote him as saying he would be a candidate for President if the people wanted him.—Associated Press.

Thessaly Fighting

Athens, Jan. 4. Fighting broke out throughout Thessaly as some 10,000 guerrillas, driven from the northern frontiers and now massing in the plains seeking food.

Messages to the Ministry of Public Order, the Greek General Staff and neutral military quarters reported eight incidents of bands of 15 to 200 moving into the plains under cover of darkness seizing sheep and bread in undefended villages and clashing with gendarmerie, army and armed civilians in defended towns.

In the area of Grevena in northern Thessaly an army force attempting to cut off the movement of the guerrillas across the main Salonica highway battled a band of 100 men in the vicinity of Amfissalae, north of Grevena, killing two and driving them westward where they ran into a "very strong force."—United Press.

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"CORINTHIC" FIRE

Birkenhead, Jan. 4. The outbreak of fire on the 15,000 tons crack cargo liner Corinthic was officially stated to be under control tonight.

Firemen had gained access to the hold and were rapidly putting out the blaze. Teams of firemen will, however, stand by throughout the night aboard the liner, which is now in Cammell Laird's fitting-out basin at Birkenhead.

The Corinthic, launched in May last, was to have made her maiden voyage in about two months.—Reuter.

which had repeatedly attacked it in the letter and spirit.

"Fifthly, the withdrawal of the Egyptian Ambassador in London and an appeal by Egypt to the United Nations."

"This shows that the present relations between Britain and Egypt can be described as being in an asphyxiating atmosphere," the newspaper concluded.—Reuter.

Another Protest To Poland?

London, Jan. 5. A Foreign Office spokesman indicated yesterday that Britain may send another sharp protest to Poland about the elections scheduled for Jan. 16.

Poland's answer to Britain's last note "certainly deserves a reply," he said.

The spokesman said he knew nothing about British newspaper reports from Washington that a new joint protest to Poland was coming from Washington and London. If both Governments express themselves to Warsaw, "parallel notes, rather than a jointly composed message would seem more likely," he said.

Britain told Poland more than two months ago that this country believed Polish pledges of "free and unfettered" elections were not being carried out. The Polish answer said Britain herself was not observing all her agreements and accused Britain of improperly holding several million pounds of Polish gold.—Associated Press.

Protest By Milch

Frankfurt, Jan. 4. Field Marshal Erhard Milch, Goering's former Chief Assistant at the German Air Ministry, and Lieutenant-General Walter Warlimont, former Deputy Chief of Staff of the German Army, have protested at being released from captivity as prisoners of war.

They were among 10 German generals who have lost prisoner of war status, becoming civilian internees in a prison attached to Nuernberg Military Court, a press officer of the court stated.

Milch is being tried for war crimes at Nuernberg with four other "denationalised" generals, all doctors.—Reuter.

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